

STUDYING VARIOUS ANGLES OF HIGH COST OF LIVING

Reports Made to Cabinet Officers Show Continued Progress In Keeping Down Prices—Attorney General Palmer Is Preparing a Summary of Results Obtained, Which May Be Given to the Public Today—An Effort Is Being Made to Devise Means For Checking the Increase in Clothing Prices—No Immediate Effect Is Expected From Agreement Reached With the "Packers."

Washington, Dec. 9.—Cabinet members and other high officials who have been assigned to the new post office building in the high cost of living today held their first conference since the coal strike side-tracked all other business.

Reports were received by the conference from H. E. Flegg, special assistant to the secretary of the interior, to show continued progress in keeping

here next month, which will undertake to devise means for checking the inflation. The most important step to be considered will be the production and marketing of food and other necessities, and, medium time goals, an incentive to the public to abandon the use of money which has followed the war prosperity.

Mr. Palmer said today he could not

down prices. "We are especially gratified," Mr. Palmer said, "taking into consideration the fact that when we began our business in 1914, the prices of wheat were at the high point of supply and the low point of demand, while now we are in the high point of supply and the peak of demand. A graphic representative of living costs would show a very satisfactory curve of price reduction."

The settlement of the anti-trust litigation against the packers.

"The big object of the agreed-upon settlement of the anti-trust litigation against the packers is to place the business fairly to all men with no element of domination by these few interests."

The court in which the agreed-upon decree will be entered will not be sitting until the first of September, at which time it will be after the holidays.

<p>With the approval of the conference, Mr. Palmer is preparing a statement which will be presented to the board, which probably will be given to the public tomorrow.</p> <p>Mr. Palmer has been in close touch with producers of wearing apparel, announced today that in suggestion a conference will be held</p>	<p>Announcement was made today that the American Woolen Association that its complaint against large number of railroads for aiding the Government in its struggle against the wool growers and privileges to the five large producers would be dismissed from further consideration by the Interstate Commerce Commission.</p>
<p>VICTOR I. BERGER HAS BEEN</p>	<p>FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES</p>

RE-ELECTED TO CONGRESS
Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 19.—Victor A. Berger, socialist, today was re-elected to congress from the Fifth Wisconsin district, having defeated Henry H. Reardon, republican, by a margin of 10,000 votes. Reardon was the republican nomination candidate, by 4,300 votes.
Berger's total vote was 24,500, and Reardon's 14,500. The figures indicate that approximately 3,000 voters

"I do not believe in spending any more of the taxpayers' money in that way," he declared.

Mr. Berger in statement tonight said:

"As a matter of fact, my re-election is simply the first sign of the re-awakening of the Negro consciousness that has taken place since the days of the struggle for the emancipation of the black race.

"I don't know whether the house will seat me, and I care little. If only the continued fight for my seat will bring to the fore the Negro common sense and logic."

pondering about the taxes which must be collected," the secretary wrote. "The committee has received a specific instruction from congress to contrary to demand the immediate restoration of those countries with only seriously retard the economic restoration of those countries with interest and principal of their debt to us, but which would also de-

people of the United States, especially the working class, to a realization of the great dangers before us and the immense duties that we must fulfill if modern civilization is to progress or even survive."

Mr. Bodenstein in a statement said: "I am indeed grateful for my many suggestions and the support of the people we know how for a worthy cause and I feel that the majority of the voters will support me."

**SENATE IS TO VOTE ON
RAILROAD BILL AT 3.30 TODAY**

In the opinion of Senator Ironwood's friends, postponement increased his chances for election next year. The senator's action may be reached on the German front, Senator Hitchcock's message. They are assured of enough votes his election.

DIES OF HEART DISEASE

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Cleofonte C. Pupini, director of the Chicago Oil Company, died at a hospital here today after a five-week illness of pneumonia.

Attending physicians said he had been in poor health for the last three years and was under treatment for the disease in Italy and Switzerland.

two weeks' holy recess until January 5. Leaders did not expect the recess to be broken by any vote, although for a time tonight objection to the proposals for votes on the sugar and tobacco bills threatened to disrupt the programme. The senate will meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

He caught cold while en route from Europe last October and was ill when the season opened in January. He died three weeks ago and he was removed to hospital.

His services will be held at Holy Name Cathedral next Monday morning. The body will be taken to his birthplace at Parma, Italy, for burial.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Deputy Lafont De point introduced today a demand for an interpellation of the government on the scandal of the pillage of America by the French.

Despatches from Paris, Dec. 11 say that the French department of justice had ordered an investigation of unauthorised sales of American war stock, and had ordered by the French government the arrest of the American agent.

Max Pann, chairman of the executive committee of the American Red Cross, said today that he had no successor to Campinelli, and that he would be appointed this season for the second time, but that the organization was complete, and that a new director would be appointed.

to Germany. I was alleged millions of francs were paid to the American and released for sale from various departments of France by the Government and the goods shipped to Germany and disposed of at a enormous profit.

**SOLDIER DROWNED WHEN
TRUCK PLUNGED INTO WATER**

ANCON, Panama Canal Zone, Dec. 22.—

—A live-tonk boat carrying four soldiers plucked off a pier at Balboa this morning onto fifty feet of water. Private Charles E. Lee of Oklahoma was drowned.

**SECRETARY LAND SUPPORTS
THE PUBLIC LANDS BILL**

Washington, Dec. 19.—Support was given by Secretary Land today to the measure which would give the federal government control of the public lands.

the United States the cession for the lands in the Yosemite, Sequoia, and General Grant national parks.